



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

(February 8, 2019)

The Commission on Seniors convened a Joint Meeting with the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities at the Board and Commission Room, Austin City Hall at 201 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Chair, Brian Owens, called the Board Meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Commission on Seniors Members in Attendance:

<i>Janee Briesemeister, Chair</i>	<i>Erica Garcia-Pittman</i>	<i>Martin Kareithi</i>
<i>Peter Varteressian, Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Karen Grampp</i>	<i>Emily De Maria Nicola</i>
<i>Jacqueline Angel</i>	<i>Adam Hauser</i>	<i>Sally Van Sickle</i>

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Members in Attendance:

<i>Jonathan Franks, Acting Chair</i>	<i>Kevin Jackson</i>	<i>Robin Orłowski</i>
<i>Rachel Gandy</i>	<i>Diane Kearns-Osterweil</i>	<i>Danny Saenz</i>
<i>Joey Gidseg</i>	<i>Chris Masey</i>	<i>Deborah Trejo</i>

Commission on Seniors Board Members not in Attendance:

<i>Patricia Bordie</i>	<i>Billy Jackson</i>	<i>Jayant Sheth</i>
<i>Natalie Cagle</i>	<i>Fred Lugo</i>	

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Members not in Attendance:

COA Staff in Attendance:

Michelle Friedman, Austin Public Health David Ondich, ADA Program Manager

The Commissions introduced themselves.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES JANUARY 11, 2018 MEETING

- Motioned by Commissioner Gandy
- Seconded by Commissioner Orłowski
- Motion passed 8-0, Commissioner Kearns-Osterweil off the dais.

II. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Genovova Rodriquez, Office of Police Oversight Community Engagement Team – Introduction and overview of mission.

B. Tabitha Taylor, Age Friendly Action Plan Program Coordinator – Introduction.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The Austin Police Department, along with the Arc of Texas, Travis County Sheriff's Department, and the Austin District Attorney's Office is scheduling Disability Response team trainings in April or May. (Kevin Jackson)
- B. The City of Austin will be holding Budget Community Meetings. (Deborah Trejo)
- C. Acting Chair Jonathan Franks recently went to Washington D.C. to advocate for and consult on legislature copyright laws for braille and audio, tax credits for vision-impaired software and assistive technology purchases, along with minimum wage exceptions for workers with disabilities. (Jonathan Franks)
- D. Past Event - February 1, 2019, the Austin Travis County Community Health Improvement Plan Summit took place. (Erica Garcia-Pittman)
- E. Future Event - Adaptive Texas 40th Anniversary party Sunday February 10, 2019 at the Sahara Lounge, 4-11:30 p.m. 1413 Webberville Rd. (Danny Saenz)
- F. Future Event - February 28, 2019 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Non-Partisan Advocacy Event at the Capital. (Diane Kearns-Osterweil)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and Commission on Seniors collaborative efforts, including but not limited to budget recommendations for Fiscal year 2019 (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.
- B. Development of a Quality of Life Study (Commissioners Orlowski and Masey)
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, Annick Beaudet, Austin Transportation Department
 - i. Cancelled.
- B. General Obligation Bonds and Home Repair Program, Mandy DeMayo, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.
- C. Update the Commissions about the City's next 5-year strategic plan (the FY 2019-23 Consolidation Plan) and FY 2019-2020 Action Plan, Angela Sommers, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.
- D. Report on ADA Program Office, David Ondich, ADA Program Manager
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MINUTES**

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- A. Budget presentation, Interactive Town Hall.
- B. Permanent Chair and Vice –Chair Elections.

ACTING CHAIR JONATHAN FRANKS ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:00 PM